

## **AMENDED SPECIFICATION**

On page 1 of the specification, please insert the following after the title:

### **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This Application is a Non-Provisional Application of US Provisional (35 USC 119(e)) Application No. 60/487,410 filed on July 15, 2003 and claims benefit thereto.

On page 12 of the specification, please amend the Abstract as follows:

### **ABSTRACT**

A personal illumination and safety device ~~(100)~~ employs a flexible plastic rod ~~(300)~~ to distribute the light of a light emitting diode (LED) ~~(600)~~. A small container ~~(200)~~ at one end ~~(301)~~ of the flexible rod houses the LED, a battery ~~(500)~~ and a switch ~~(602, 250, 227)~~ which controls the illumination system. The flexible plastic rod allows the user to adapt the device to a variety of shapes and useful arrangements.